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For the Year 1937.

To the Chairman and Members of the Rotherham Rural District Council.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report upon the Health Services of the Rotherham Rural District for the year ending 31st December, 1937.

This Report contains all the information required by the Ministry of Health in Circular 1650.

I am glad to inform you that, on taking over the Public Health Department in June from your acting Medical Officer, Dr. Hallinan, I found the work thoroughly up-to-date.

I desire to put on record my thanks to the Chief, First Sanitary Inspector and Staff for their unremitting energy during an exceptional year, and I have pleasure in acknowledging my indebtedness to them for their loyal and willing services. My thanks are also due to the Clerk to the Council, for his keen interest and support.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

JOHN M. WATT,

Medical Officer of Health.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

ROTHERHAM RURAL DISTRICT.

Area (acres)	28,619
Population—1931 Census (corrected)	38,734
Population (Estimated 31st December, 1937) ...	40,726
Number of Inhabited Houses (Census, 1931) ...	8,673
Number of Persons per House (Census 1931) ...	4·5
Number of Families or separate Occupiers (1931) ..	9,206

Years ..	1937	1936	Mean of 1931—35	Mean of 1926 – 30
Population (Registrar General, 30th June) ..	39,470	40,047	40,766	38,550
Number of Inhabited Houses (31st Dec.) ..	10,301	10,054	9,792	8,217
Rateable Value .. .. £	146,461	143,743	145,463	227,941
Sum represented by a Penny Rate .. £	550	530	547	882
BIRTHS—Number	795	741	819	863
Rate per 1,000 population ..	20·1	18·5	20·1	22·4
Ditto England and Wales	14·9	14·8	15·0	16·8
Illegitimate Births per 1,000 Infants born	34	32	37	38
DEATHS—Number	425	436	415	399
Nett Rate per 1,000 population ..	10·8	10·9	10·2	10·2
Corrected Rate for age and sex, etc...	13·3	13·5	11·6	11·1
Death Rate .. England and Wales	12·4	12·1	12·0	12·1
INFANTILE MORTALITY—per 1,000 Births ..	75	85	78	79
England and Wales ..	58	59	62	68
Illegitimate Infants	111	208	118	86
DEATHS under 1 year	60	63	64	68
PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH—				
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	18	15	21	20
"Other" Tuberculosis	4	5	4	6
Influenza	18	7	11	14
Pneumonia	38	40	34	41
Bronchitis	14	20	16	26
Cancer	61	41	45	35
Cerebral Hæmorrhage, &c. ..	20	21	18	19
Heart Disease	75	88	65	41
Acute and Chronic Nephritis ..	6	13	10	8
Seven principal "Zymotic" Diseases	14	19	22	31

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS—continued.

Years..	1937	1936	Mean of 1931—35	Mean of 1926—30
DEATH RATES PER 1,000 POPULATION FROM—				
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	0·46	0·37	0·48	0·52
"Other" Tuberculosis	0·10	0·12	0·10	0·16
Seven principal "Zymotic Diseases"..	0·35	0·47	0·54	0·82
Influenza	0·46	0·17	0·28	0·36
Pneumonia	0·96	1·00	0·83	1·08
Bronchitis	0·35	0·50	0·39	0·67
Other Diseases of Respiratory Organs..	0·13	0·02	0·11	0·08
Cancer	1·55	1·02	1·11	0·91
INFECTIOUS DISEASES – Cases Notified.				
Small Pox	—	—	1	17
Diphtheria	46	49	57	61
Scarlet Fever	103	202	133	135
Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers ..	1	—	3	3
Erysipelas	19	18	17	23
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	—	—	2	5
*Puerperal Fever	1	1	2	3
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	3	4	6
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	17	42	51	83
"Other" Tuberculosis	9	16	24	49
INFECTIOUS DISEASES–Attack Rates per 1000 pop.				
Diphtheria	1·16	1·22	1·41	1·57
Scarlet Fever	2·61	5·04	3·20	3·49
Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers ..	0·02	—	0·07	0·07
Erysipelas	0·48	0·45	0·41	0·61
Puerperal Fever	0·02	0·02	0·06	0·08
Puerperal Pyrexia	0·02	0·07	0·10	..
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	0·43	1·05	1·26	2·17
"Other" Tuberculosis	0·23	0·40	0·59	1·28
NUMBER OF DEATHS FROM—				
Diphtheria	6	6	6	9
Scarlet Fever	—	3	1	2
Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers ..	—	—	1	1
Erysipelas	—	1	1	—
Measles	—	3	5	7
Whooping Cough	2	—	4	7
Puerperal Fever	1	1	1	1
DEATH RATES PER 1,000 POPULATION FROM—				
Diphtheria	0·15	0·15	0·15	0·24
Scarlet Fever	—	0·07	0·02	0·04
Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers ..	—	—	0·02	0·02
Erysipelas	—	0·02	0·02	—
Measles	—	0·07	0·13	0·18
Whooping Cough	0·05	—	0·11	0·19
Puerperal Fever	0·02	0·02	0·03	0·04
PERCENTAGE OF DEATHS PER CASES NOTIFIED –				
Diphtheria	13·0	12·2	10·3	15·9
Scarlet Fever	—	1·5	0·3	1·2
Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers ..	—	—	19·0	21·6

* The number of notified cases relate to the first thirty-nine weeks of the year only.

Cases occurring afterwards are classed to Puerperal Pyrexia.

VITAL STATISTICS.

The number of Births in 1937 totalled 795; 423 being Males and 372 Females; of these, 27 were illegitimate—13 Males and 14 Females.

The Birth Rate was 20·1 per 1,000, that for England and Wales being 14·9.

The total Deaths in your district was 425, of which 230 were Males and 195 Females.

The Death Rate was 10·8 per 1,000, and that for England and Wales was 12·4.

The following comparison of Birth Rate, Death Rate and Infant Mortality Statistics for 1936—the latest available—is as follows:—

	Birth Rate per 1000 population.	Death Rate per 1000 population.	Infant Mortality per 1000 births.
England and Wales	14·8 ...	12·1 ..	59
West Riding County	15·1 ...	12·3 ...	63
West Riding County Urban Districts.	14·6 ...	12·9 ..	63
West Riding County Rural Districts	16·2 . .	11·0 ...	63
Rotherham Rural District ...	18·5 ..	13·5 ..	85

INFANT MORTALITY.

In 1937 the number of Deaths under 1 year totalled 60. For the same year the Infant Mortality was 75 per 1,000 births, whilst that for England and Wales was 58.

		Total.	M	F.	
Live Births	Legitimate	...768	410	358	Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population ... 20·1
	Illegitimate ...	27	13	14	
Still-Births	Legitimate ...	40	19	21	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births 49·0.
	Illegitimate . .	1	0	1	
Deaths ..		. .425	230	195.	Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population ... 10·8.

	Deaths.	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births.
Deaths from puerperal causes—		
Puerperal Sepsis ...	1	1·20
Other Puerperal causes ...	1	1·20
Total...	2	2·39

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age :—

All Infants per 1,000 live births	75
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births ...	74
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births...	111

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	61
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	—
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) ...	2
Deaths from Diarrhœa (under 2 years of age)	6

TABLE I.

Birth-rates, Death-rates, Analysis of Mortality, Maternal Death-rates, and Case-rates for certain Infectious Diseases in the year 1937.

	Rotherham Rural District	England and Wales	125 County Boroughs and Great Towns including London	148 Smaller Towns (Resident Populations 25,000 to 50,000 at 1931 Census)	London Administrative County
	Rates per 1,000 Population.				
BIRTHS :—					
Live	20 ·1	14 ·9	14 ·9	15 ·3	13 ·3
Still	1 ·04	0 ·60	0 ·67	0 ·64	0 ·54
DEATHS :					
All Causes	10 ·8	12 ·4	12 ·5	11 ·9	12 ·3
Typhoid and Paratyphoid fevers	—	0 ·00	0 ·01	0 ·00	0 ·00
Smallpox	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	—	0 ·02	0 ·03	0 ·02	0 ·01
Searlet fever	—	0 ·01	0 ·01	0 ·01	0 ·01
Whooping Cough	0 ·05	0 ·04	0 ·04	0 ·03	0 ·06
Diphtheria	0 ·15	0 ·07	0 ·08	0 ·05	0 ·05
Influenza	0 ·46	0 ·45	0 ·39	0 ·42	0 ·38
Violenee	0 ·58	0 ·54	0 ·45	0 ·42	0 ·51
NOTIFICATIONS :					
Smallpox	—	0 ·00	—	0 ·00	—
Searlet fever	2 ·61	2 ·33	2 ·56	2 ·42	2 ·09
Diphtheria	1 ·16	1 ·49	1 ·81	1 ·38	1 ·93
Enterie fever	0 ·02	0 ·05	0 ·06	0 ·04	0 ·05
Erysipelas	0 ·48	0 ·37	0 ·43	0 ·34	0 ·44
Pneumonia	0 ·94	1 ·36	1 ·58	1 ·20	1 ·18
	Rates per 1,000 Live Births.				
Deaths under 1 year of age	75	58	62	55	60
Deaths from Diarrhœa and Enteritis under 2 years of age	7 ·5	5 ·8	7 ·9	3 ·2	12 ·0
MATERNAL MORTALITY :					
Puerperal Sepsis	1 ·26	0 ·97	Not available		
Others	1 ·26	2 ·26			
Total	2 ·52	3 ·23			
	Rates per 1,000 Total Births (i.e. Live and Still)				
MATERNAL MORTALITY :					
Puerperal Sepsis	1 ·20	0 ·94	Not available		
Others	1 ·20	2 ·17			
Total	2 ·39	3 ·11			
NOTIFICATIONS :					
Puerperal Fever ...	1 ·20	13 ·93	17 ·59	11 ·52	4 ·15
Puerperal Pyrexia	1 ·20				14 ·34

TABLE II.

Vital Statistics. Rotherham Rural District. Years 1933-1937.

Year.	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937
Population estimated to middle of each year by the Registrar-General ...	41,160	41,730	42,300	40,047	39,470
Births :					
Uncorrected Number	698	728	762	657	692
Nett Number	771	816	848	741	795
Nett Rate	18·7	19·5	20·0	18·5	20·1
Total Deaths Registered in the District :					
Number	346	287	293	295	307
Rate	8·4	6·9	6·9	7·4	7·8
Transferable Deaths :					
Of Non-Residents registered in the District (outwards)	26	31	35	19	30
Of Residents not registered in the District (inwards)	123	152	149	160	148
Nett Deaths Belonging to the District :					
Under 1 year of age—					
Number	69	51	54	63	60
Rate per 1,000 Nett Births ...	89·5	62·5	63·7	85·0	75·5
At all Ages—					
Number	443	408	407	436	425
Crude Death Rate	10·8	9·8	9·6	10·9	10·8
Comparable Death Rate	13·4	12·1	11·9	13·5	13·3

TABLE III.

CAUSES OF DEATH IN ROTHERHAM RURAL DISTRICT FOR THE YEARS 1935, 1936 & 1937.

For the Years	1935			1936			1937		
CAUSES OF DEATH.	Males	Females	Totals	Males	Females	Totals	Males.	Females	Totals
ALL CAUSES ..	228	179	407	227	209	436	230	195	425
1 Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2 Measles	1	..	1	1	2	3	..	..	..
3 Scarlet Fever	1	1	2	1	2	3	..	..	..
4 Whooping Cough	1	2	3	..	..	..	1	1	2
5 Diphtheria	6	2	8	5	1	6	3	3	6
6 Influenza	1	3	4	3	4	7	11	7	18
7 Encephalitis Lethargica ..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	1
8 Cerebro Spinal Fever	..	..	..	1	1	2	..	..	..
9 Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	14	11	25	7	8	15	14	4	18
10 Other Tuberculous Diseases ..	1	2	3	1	4	5	2	2	4
11 Syphilis	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	1
12 General Paralysis of the Insane, tabes dorsalis	1	1	2	..	..	..	1	..	1
13 Cancer—Malignant Disease ..	22	26	48	21	20	41	33	28	61
14 Diabetes	3	7	10	3	5	8	1	8	9
15 Cerebral Hæmorrhage, &c ..	14	8	22	6	15	21	10	10	20
16 Heart Disease	49	28	77	43	45	88	37	38	75
17 Aneurysm	1	..	1	1	..	1	..	2	2
18 Other Circulatory Diseases ..	13	11	24	17	4	21	13	7	20
19 Bronchitis	8	5	13	11	9	20	9	5	14
20 Pneumonia (all forms) ..	18	12	30	18	22	40	21	17	38
21 Other Respiratory Diseases ..	1	2	3	1	..	1	2	3	5
22 Peptic Ulcer	3	2	5	2	..	2	..	1	1
23 Diarrhœa (under 2 years) ..	1	1	2	4	3	7	3	3	6
24 Appendicitis	3	..	3	..	1	1	2	1	3
25 Cirrhosis of Liver	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
26 Other Diseases of Liver, etc. ..	1	1	2	2	2	4	..		..
27 Other Digestive Diseases ..	5	3	8	5	3	8	5	3	8
28 Acute and Chronic Nephritis ..	5	7	12	7	6	13	4	2	6
29 Puerperal Sepsis	..	2	2	..	1	1	..	1	1
30 Other Puerperal Causes ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
31 Congenital Debility, Premature Birth, Malformations, &c. ..	18	17	35	23	9	32	14	18	32
32 Senility	4	7	11	4	3	7	7	7	14
33 Suicide	2	1	3	1	2	3	2	1	3
34 Other Violence	14	6	20	15	12	27	14	6	20
35 Other defined Diseases ..	17	11	28	24	23	47	19	15	34
36 Causes ill-defined or unknown ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Special Causes (included in No. 35 above) :—									
Small Pox	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Poliomyelitis	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Polioencephalitis	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Deaths of Infants under 1 year — Total ..	28	26	54	46	17	63	28	32	60
Deaths of Infants under 1 year — Legitimate ..	28	26	54	43	15	58	28	29	57
Deaths of Infants under 1 year — Illegitimate ..	..	..	..	3	2	5	..	3	3
Live Births .. — Total ..	434	414	848	395	346	741	423	372	795
Live Births .. — Legitimate ..	421	402	823	384	333	717	410	358	768
Live Births .. — Illegitimate ..	13	12	25	11	13	24	13	14	27
Still-Births .. — Total ..	17	28	45	14	16	30	19	22	41
Still-Births .. — Legitimate ..	17	27	44	13	15	28	19	21	40
Still-Births .. — Illegitimate ..	..	1	1	1	1	2	..	1	1
Population for Births and Deaths Registrar-General's Figures ..	42,300			40,047			39,470		

TABLE IV

INFANTILE MORTALITY

1937—Nett Deaths from stated Causes at various ages under 1 year of age.

CAUSE OF DEATH.	Under 1 Week	1-2 Weeks	2-3 Weeks	3-4 Weeks	Total under 4 Weeks	1-3 Months	3-6 Months	6-9 Months	9-12 Months	Total Deaths under One Year.
Whooping Cough	..	...	..	..	...	..	...	..	...	...
Erysipelas		...	. .	..	..	..	...	..	...	...
Abdominal Tuberculosis ...	.	...	...	...	...	..	.	..	...	...
Other Tubercular Diseases ...	.	...	...	...	. .	..	.	...	...	...
Meningitis (not Tuberculous) ...	.	..	...	...	...	..	...	..	...	...
Convulsions (chiefly following Dentition)	.	.	.	...	...		..	..	...	..
Bronchitis	.	...	...	...	...	3	.	...	1	4
Pneumonia (all forms)	1	...	...	...	1	5	3	1	3	13
Diarrnœa and Enteritis ...	...	.	...	...	...	1	2	1	1	5
Gastritis	.	...	..	...	...		1	.	...	1
Suffocation, overlying .. .	...	...	...	...	...			...	...	...
Atelectasis	3	..	...	...	3	.	..	...	...	3
Premature Birth .. .	12	1	1	1	15	2	..	.	...	17
Atrophy, Debility and Marasmus	5	...	.	1	6	1	..	1	1	9
Poliomyelitis		...	...	...	..			...	...	...
Influenza		...	...	...	...		..	...	...	...
Other Diseases	3	1	...	...	4	1	2	1	..	8
Totals	24	2	1	2	29	13	8	4	6	60
TOTALS FOR YEARS:										
1936 .	22	2	4	3	31	10	9	6	7	63
1935 ...	25	1	2	3	31	7	8	6	2	54
1934 ...	19	2	5	2	28	4	5	9	5	51
1933 .	24	3	2	3	32	6	11	13	7	69

TABLE V.

PARISH	At 31st December, 1937				Number of Inmates per Occupied House as per Census Figures, 1931
	Birth Rate per 1,000 per annum	Death Rate per 1,000 per annum	Number of Occupied Houses	Estimated Number of Inmates per Occupied House	
Aston-cum-Aughton	21·4	11·2	1,512	3·5	4·4
Bramley	23·9	11·6	701	3·9	4·6
Brampton-Bierlow	16·3	11·2	900	4·0	4·3
Brinsworth	13·9	10·6	592	3·7	4·4
Catcliffe	19·2	11·0	409	4·4	4·3
Dalton	21·2	10·5	1,274	4·7	5·6
Hooton Levitt	...	...	23	3·7	4·1
Hooton Roberts	5·0	5·0	47	4·3	4·5
Orgreave	...	6·6	46	3·3	3·8
Ravenfield	13·6	8·5	159	3·7	4·0
Thrybergh	22·0	11·4	892	4·4	4·7
Thurcroft	17·0	7·8	1,344	4·2	4·5
Treeton	17·2	8·4	526	4·1	4·3
Ulley	21·5	10·8	52	3·6	3·9
Wentworth	13·4	11·3	409	3·5	4·0
Whiston	17·4	8·7	536	3·6	4·0
Wickersley	21·4	13·7	879	3·2	3·6
Rotherham Rural District . .	20·1	10·8	10301	4·0	4·5

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

During the year 262 cases of Infectious Disease were notified, a decrease of 113 on the previous year.

There were 103 cases of Scarlet Fever against 202 in 1936, and 46 cases of Diphtheria against 49 the previous year.

The 46 cases of Diphtheria and 94 of the 103 cases of Scarlet Fever were isolated in Hospital. 94·1 per cent. of the cases of Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Typhoid, and Cerebro Spinal Fever for which Hospital accommodation is provided were isolated in Hospital.

Diphtheria. Of the 46 cases notified, thirty-six were of school age. Six deaths occurred, all being of school age.

The Zymotic Death Rate for the year was 0·35 per 1,000 population, against 0·47 for 1936.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

During the year 1937 the number of children immunised in the district is given below :—

Aston-cum-Aughton	45	Bramley and Sunnyside	14
Brampton Bierlow	20	Brinsworth	14
Catcliffe	5	Dalton	5
Ravenfield	4	Thrybergh	15
Thurcroft	60	Treeton	5
Ulley	6	Wentworth	8
Whiston	3	Wickersley	19

In addition, 11 children were immunised by private practitioners and 40 patients in the South Rotherham and Kiveton Park District Isolation Hospital were immunised during the year, making a total of 274.

Since Diphtheria Immunisation was commenced in 1932, two thousand, six hundred and twenty children have been immunised.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

Disease	1936			1937		
	Total Cases Notified	Cases Admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths	Total Cases Notified	Cases Admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Diphtheria .. .	49	48	6	46	46	6
Scarlet Fever .. .	202	184	3	103	94	...
Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	..	...		1	1	...
Puerperal Fever	1	1	1	1	1	1
Puerperal Pyrexia ..	3	2	...	1	1	...
Pneumonia (all forms) ...	37	8	40	63	15	38
Small Pox	..	...	...	...	...	...
Other Diseases generally notifiable (specify disease) :						
Dysentery	...	...	...	...	..	..
Malaria	1	...	...	...	...	.
Cerebro-Spinal Fever ...	3	3	2	2	2	..
Acute Poliomyelitis ..	3	3	..	...		...
Acute Encephalitis Lethargica ...	...	..	1	...	...	1
Erysipelas ...	18	4	1	19	5	...
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	...	..	...	...	...
Pulmonary Tuberculosis.	42	...	15	17	...	18
Non-Pulm'y Tuberculosis	16	...	5	9	...	4
Other Diseases notifiable locally (specify disease) :						
	...	.			..	...
TOTALS .	375	253	74	262	165	68

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

AGES OF CASES NOTIFIED, 1937.

Disease.	Under 1 yr.	1 to 2 yrs.	2 to 3 yrs.	3 to 4 yrs.	4 to 5 yrs.	5 to 10 yrs.	10 to 15 yrs.	15 to 20 yrs.	20 to 35 yrs.	35 to 45 yrs.	45 to 65 yrs.	65 and over	Totals
Small Pox													
Diphtheria and Memb. Croup		3	1	2	5	18	7	2	4	3	1		46
Scarlet Fever		2	2	9	11	54	17	4	4				103
Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers										1			1
Puerperal Fever									1				1
Puerperal Pyrexia									1				1
Pneumonia (all forms)	1	2	2	5	1	8	4	3	13	5	12	7	63
Erysipelas		1						1		2	14	1	19
Other Diseases :—													
Cerebro Spinal Fever						2							2
Ophthalmia-Neonatorum													
Acute Poliomyelitis													
Acute Encephalitis Lethargica													
Dysentery													
Malaria													
Other Diseases :—													
Tuberculosis :—													
Pulmonary							1	1	8	4	3		17
Non-Pulmonary				1			1	4	2	1			9
Totals—1937	1	8	5	17	17	82	30	15	33	16	30	8	262
TOTALS FOR YEARS :													
1936	1	12	22	19	27	110	58	25	54	13	27	7	375
1935	7	13	15	23	31	164	86	25	62	24	19	6	475
1934	6	8	13	27	31	144	73	27	50	22	28	8	437
1933	15	20	24	39	41	209	46	21	51	15	35	3	519

INFECTIOUS DISEASES, 1937.

	PARISH	Diseases for which Hospital Accommodation is provided.									
		Small Pox	Scarlet Fever	Diph-theria	Typhoid & Paratyph'd	Cerebro-Spinal Fe'r	Acute En-cephalitis Lethargica	Acute Po-liomyelitis	Erysipelas	Total Cases	Total removed to Hospital
The South Rotherham and Kiveton Park Joint Hospital Committee Area.	Aston-cum-Aught'n	..	24	5	..	..	..	..	2	31	27
	Bramley	..	3	10	..	..	..	..	—	13	13
	Brinsworth	..	3	6	..	..	..	..	3	12	9
	Catcliffe	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	4	8	6
	Hooton Levitt	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Orgreave	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Thurcroft	..	17	8	..	..	..	..	1	26	26
	Treeton	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Ulley	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Whiston	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	1	11	10
	Wickersley	..	..	1	..	..	..	.	1	2	2
	Totals for South Rotherham	..	57	34	..	..	..	..	12	103	93
The Wath Swinton & District Joint Hosp'l Board Area.	Brampton Bierlow	..	16	3	..	.	..	..	3	22	17
	Dalton	..	15	5	1	2	..	..	4	27	23
	Hooton Roberts	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Ravenfield	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
	Thrybergh	..	13	1	..	..	..	..	..	14	11
	Wentworth	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	4	4
	Totals for North Rotherham	..	46	12	1	2	..	..	7	68	55
	Grand Totals	..	103	46	1	2	..	..	19	171	148

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

AGES OF DEATHS NOTIFIED, 1937.

Disease.	Under 1 yr.	1 to 2 years	2 to 3 years	3 to 4 years	4 to 5 years	5 to 10 yrs.	10 to 15 yrs.	15 to 20 yrs.	20 to 35 yrs.	35 to 45 yrs.	45 to 65 yrs.	65 and over	Total
Small Pox	...	...	.	.	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...
Diphtheria and Memb. Croup	..		.	..	2	4	...	.	...	..	.	...	6
Scarlet Fever	...	..	.	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	...	..	...	.	.	..	...	..	...	.	...	...	...
Puerperal Fever	.		..	.	...	..	...	..	...	1	..	.	1
Pneumonia (all forms) ..	13	5	.	1		...	...	1	3	3	7	5	38
Erysipelas			..	..	..	..	...	..	...	...	...	...	...
Other Diseases :—													
Cerebro-Spinal Fever ..	..	...	.	..	..	...	..	..	..	...	...	...	...
Acute Poliomyelitis ..	.	.	...				...	...	..	..	..	...	...
Acute Encephalitis Lethargica	..	...		.	.	..		1	..	..	...	...	1
Tuberculosis :—													
Pulmonary			.	.	.	...	...	1	7	5	5	..	18
Non-Pulmonary ..	.	.	...	.	..	..	...	...	...	2	1	1	4
TOTALS 1937...	13	5	...	1	2	4	..	3	10	11	13	6	68
TOTALS FOR YEARS :—													
1936 .	13	5	1	2	3	8	2	1	7	5	15	12	74
1935 ..	7	3	2	2	3	6	3	2	17	10	11	5	71
1934 .	6	6	1	2	1	8	2	3	7	8	11	7	67
1933 .	15	3	4	1	...	1	3	2	12	5	15	3	64

PHTHISIS MORTALITY RATES (Five Years, 1932-1936)

	Rates per 100,000 Living.					
	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	Average for 5 yrs. 1932-36
Rotherham Rural District	33	53	41	59	37	45
West Riding Administrative County	52	49	44	48	44	47
West Riding Rural Districts	42	45	35	45	41	42
West Riding Urban Districts	57	50	47	49	45	50
England and Wales	69	69	64	61	58	64

TUBERCULOSIS, 1937.

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	Male	Fem.	Male	Fem.	Male	Fem	Male	Fem.
Under 1...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..
1— 5...		...	..	1	.		...	...
5—10 .	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
10 - 15 .	1	..	...	1	...	..	...	...
15—20...	1	...	2	2	1	...	..	..
20—25...	2	1	1	...	...		...	...
25—35	2	3	...	1	4	3	1	1
35—45..	4	...	1	..	4	1	...	...
45—55	2	1	...	..	2	.	...	...
55—65 ..	..	...	...	..	3	...	1	..
65 and over	...	...	...	.	.	...	..	1
Totals...	12	5	4	5	14	4	2	2

PUBLIC HEALTH (TUBERCULOSIS) REGULATIONS, 1930

For the Year 1937.

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Totals
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
No. of cases on Register at commencement of Year ..	288	234	130	89	741
No. of cases notified first time during the Year	12	4	4	5	25
No. of cases restored to the Register	...	.	...	...	...
No. of cases added to Register otherwise than by notification	5	2	..	1	8
No. of cases removed from the Register	33	22	11	13	79
No. of cases remaining on the Register at the end of Year ...	272	218	123	82	695

ROTHERHAM RURAL DISTRICT.

TREATMENT OF TUBERCULOSIS.

Schedule of Cases Admitted to and Discharged from Institutional Treatment during the Year 1937, under the Scheme of the West Riding County Council.

INSTITUTION	Admissions			Discharges		
	Men	Women	Children	Men	Women	Children
Middleton Sanatorium ...	7	...	..	10	..	1
Scotton Banks Sanatorium ...	...	6	9	...	5	7
Crookhill Hall Receiving Home	6	...	...	4	...	...
Eldwick Sanatorium ..	...	...	...	...	...	1
Dean Head Sanatorium ...	...	1	..	...	3	..
Morton Banks Sanatorium ...	. .	...	..	..	1	...
Oakwood Hall Sanatorium ...	...	2	2	..	3	5
Shropshire Orthopædic Hosp'l	2	...	...	3	...	...
Wensleydale Sanatorium ..	.	...	..	...	...	1
King Edward VII. Hospital.	..	..	1	..	...	1
Stanhope Sanatorium ..	...	.	...	..	..	2
Barrow Hall Sanatorium and Training Colony	3	...	..	1	...	...
Papworth Village Settlement..	2	...	...	2	1	...
British Legion Village ..	1	..	...	1	...	...
Sheffield Royal Infirmary	...	1	..	...	1	...
TOTALS	21	10	12	21	14	18

Total Admissions ... 43. Total Discharges .. 53.

PARTICULARS OF THE SANITARY SERVICES OF THE WEST RIDING COUNTY COUNCIL CARRIED OUT IN THE ROTHERHAM RURAL DISTRICT.

(1) TREATMENT OF TUBERCULOSIS.

The West Riding County Council is responsible for the treatment of cases of tuberculosis in the area of the Rotherham Rural District. The Dispensary available is situated at Carnson House, Moorgate Road, Rotherham. Telephone "Rotherham 59."

Clinics are held every Friday, at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and are attended by the Consultant Tuberculosis Officer, Dr. H. A. Crowther, and the Assistant Tuberculosis Officer, Dr. E. J. C. Groves.

Open-air Sleeping Shelters. During 1937, four patients from the Rotherham Rural District occupied open-air sleeping shelters provided by the County Council, namely—one each in the parishes of Bramley and Thurcroft, and two in the parish of Whiston.

Extra Nourishment. Grants of extra nourishment, to enable patients to carry out the treatment recommended, were made by the County Council to 49 patients from the Rotherham Rural District during 1937. These were distributed amongst the following parishes:—

Aston-cum-Aughton ...	3	Thrybergh ...	...16
Bramley	2	Thurcroft ...	... 3
Brinsworth	2	Treeton ...	... 2
Catcliffe	4	Wentworth	... 3
Dalton	10	Whiston ...	... 2
Hooton Roberts ...	1	Wickersley	... 1

(2) TREATMENT OF VENEREAL DISEASES.

Centre. The Centre for the treatment of Venereal Diseases is situated at No. 12, Frederick Street, Rotherham.

The Medical Officer is in attendance every week-day, at 9-30 a.m. to 10-30 a.m.

Medical Sessions. Clinics, which are always attended by the Medical Officer, are held as follows:—

For *Men.*—Tuesday ... 11-30 a.m. to 12-30 p.m.
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Wednesday ... 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

For *Women.*—

Tuesday	...	2 p.m. to 4-30 p.m.
Thursday	...	2 p.m. to 4-30 p.m.
Friday	..	11-30 a.m. to 12-30 p.m.
		6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

For *Children*—

Saturday	...	10-30 a.m. to 12 noon

Intermediate Treatment.

The Centre is open for intermediate treatment at the following times:—

For *Men*—

		MORNING.	EVENING.
Monday	..	9-30 a.m. to 12-30 p.m.	6 p.m. to 8-30 p.m.
Tuesday	...	9-30 a.m. to 11-30 a.m.	ditto
Wednesday	..	9-30 a.m. to 12-30 p.m.	ditto
Thursday	...	ditto	ditto
Friday	...	9-30 a.m. to 11-30 a.m.	No Session
Saturday	...	9-30 a.m. to 12-30 p.m.	6 p.m. to 8-30 p.m.

For *Women.*—

		AFTERNOON.	EVENING.
Monday	...	2 p.m. to 5 p.m.	—
Tuesday	...	ditto	—
Wednesday	...	ditto	—
Thursday	.	ditto	—
Friday	...	ditto	6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Urgent Cases.

Urgent cases can usually be seen at any time if notice is first given by telephone. (Telephone—From 9 a.m. to 8-30 p.m. week-days), "ROTHERHAM 231," and at other times "ROTHERHAM 888"

Pathological Investigations

Patients may be sent to the Centre for consultations or for pathological investigations, or if desired, apparatus for taking blood or smears can be supplied on loan.

Private Treatment.

If desired, patients may continue to be treated by their own medical attendants, who will be informed by letter of the result of the clinical examination or pathological investigation.

ALL TREATMENT IS FREE AND STRICT SECRECY IS OBSERVED.

(3) MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE SERVICES.

The County Council is the authority in the Rotherham Rural District under the Maternity and Child Welfare and Notification of Births Acts.

The following are the services provided under this heading :—

1. Employment of Health Visitors.
2. Provision of Maternity Home accommodation.
3. Treatment of Puerperal Fever at Hospital and at home.
4. Treatment of Ophthalmia Neonatorum.
5. Convalescent Treatment for mothers after difficult confinement and for children up to 5 years of age.
6. Hospital Treatment for children under 5 years of age.
7. Provision of Child Welfare Centres and Ante-natal Clinics.
8. Payment of the Doctors' Fees when called to the assistance of a Midwife.
9. Assistance towards the Payment of Midwives' Fees in necessitous cases.
10. Provision of Milk and Meals in necessitous cases.
11. Provision of Consultant Obstetricians in cases of difficult confinement.
12. Ante-natal examination of uninsured women.
13. Dental treatment for Expectant and Nursing Mothers and Children under five.
14. Provision of Clinics for advice in birth control.
15. Provision of midday meals for expectant mothers who are undernourished.

Nursing Areas—

Nine Health Visitors and School Nurses are working in the Rotherham Rural area as under :—

Aston-cum-Aughton, Swallownest, Ulley, Orgreave, and Fence ...	Whole-time Nurse : Mrs. O. Hall
Hooton Roberts and Dalton ...	Whole-time Nurse : Miss A. Howes
Thrybergh	Whole-time Nurse : Miss L E. Airey
Brampton Bierlow	This parish is visited by C.C.'s whole-time Nurse for part of Wath-on-Dearne (West Melton portion)

Wentworth	Part-time Nurse employed by Wentworth Nursing Association
Thurcroft, Hooton Levitt, Carr, and Laughton	Whole-time Nurse : Mrs. H. B. Stockwell (temporary)
Brinsworth	Part-time Nurse employed by Brinsworth Nursing Association.
Catcliffe, Treeton. and Whiston ..	Whole-time Nurse : Mrs. J. Utley
Bramley, Wickersley, Sunnyside, Ravenfield and Listerdale ...	Whole-time Nurse : Miss A. Gill

CHILD WELFARE CENTRES, SCHOOL AND ANTE-NATAL CLINICS.

Brampton Bierlow—Cortonwood Methodist Church (opened 12th Nov., 1936)	Infant Consultation every Thursday, 2 to 4 p.m. School Clinic every Thursday 9 a.m. Ante-natal Clinic, 1st and 3rd Wednesday in each month, 2 p.m. Ante-natal Officer—Dr. Dora Chapman. Medical Officer—Dr. J. White. Average Attendance :— Ante-natal, 21 Infants, 49
Catcliffe—Church Mission Hall...	Infant Consultation held every alternate Wednesday. Ante-natal Clinic held on alternate Monday afternoons, at No. 1, Rotherham Road, Catcliffe, adjoining the Mission Hall. Ante-natal Officer—Dr. Rosie Becker. M.O.—Dr. R. G. Selby. Average Attendance :— Ante-natal, 5 Infants, 51

Dalton Methodist Chapel ...	Infant Consultation, every Wednesday, 2-30 to 4-30 p.m. Ante-natal Clinic, held on the second and last Thursday afternoons in each month Ante-natal Officer—Dr. Barbara Demaine. M.O. Dr. G. H. Sedgwick School Clinic held on Wednesday and Friday mornings, 9 a.m. to 12 noon Average Attendance :— Ante-natal, 32 Infants, 47
Swallownest—Church Hall ...	Infant Consultation held every alternate Monday. Ante-natal Clinic, held on second Thursday afternoon in each month Ante-natal Officer—Dr Dora Chapman Medical Officer—Dr. Ursula Gray Average Attendance :— Ante-natal, 18 Infants, 40
Thurcroft—Miners' Welfare Institute	Centre open every Monday. Infant Consultation every Mon- 2-30 to 4-30 p m. Ante-natal Clinic, held in Methodist Church, Thurcroft, first Thursday afternoon in each month. Ante-natal Officer – Dr. Ursula Gray M.O. – Dr. G S. L. Kemp. School Clinic held on Monday and Thursday, 9-30 a.m. to 12 noon Average Attendance :— Ante-natal, 11 Infants, 17

Bramley—Miners' Welfare Hall . Centre open every Wednesday,
Infant Consultation, 2·30 to 4-30 p.m.
School Clinic, 9·30 a.m. to 12 noon
Medical Officer—Dr. W. L. Dibb.
Average Attendance :—
Infants, 37

Whiston—Church Institute ...Infant Consultation on alternate Thursday afternoons, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
M.O.—Dr. M. T. Jago.
Average Attendance : Infants, 37

MATERNITY HOME ACCOMMODATION.

The County Council has established a Maternity Home of 20 beds at the Montagu Hospital, Mexborough, for patients from the surrounding areas.

A Maternity Home of 22 beds has been erected by the County Council at Wickersley, and will serve a large area in South Yorkshire. The Hospital is known as the "Listerdale Maternity Home," and was officially opened on the 12th March, 1938.

Application for admission can be made through the County Council's Health Visitor, the County Medical Officer, or direct to the Maternity Home. Cases of emergency can be sent in immediately. Wherever possible, all patients must make a personal application to the Sister in charge.

In necessitous cases the County Council assist towards the payment of the fees of the Homes, which are £3 3s. 0d. per patient, per week, inclusive of Medical and Operative Fees.

The County Council has also arrangements with the Jessop Hospital for Women, at Sheffield, for patients who are not entitled to treatment at this Hospital under the "1d. in the £1" scheme.

Emergency cases are accepted under the "1d. in the £" scheme, at the Jessop Hospital for Women, at Sheffield, and also at Alma Road Hospital, Rotherham.

The County Council has also arrangements with the undermentioned Consultant Obstetricians, whose services are available on request.

Name		*Address*
John Chisholm	...	430, Glossop Road, Sheffield
G. A. Davies	...	Jessop Hospital for Women, Sheffield
Prof. M. H. Phillips	...	420, Glossop Road, Sheffield
J. Eric Stacey	...	Don Bank, Manchester Road, Sheffield
Leslie B. Patrick	...	5, Burngreave Road, Sheffield, 3

(4) MIDWIVES' ACTS, 1902 to 1936.

List of Midwives who notified their intention to practise Midwifery in the Rotherham Rural District during the year 1937 :—

Name of Midwife.	*Address.*	*Remarks.*
Mrs. I. Spencer	...Co-operative House, Arundel Street, Treeton	Independent
Mrs. E. M. Johnson.	23, Arundel Avenue, Treeton	do.
Mrs. S. E. Gosling	..1, Arundel Avenue, Treeton	Independent, Removed to Rotherham, 5/9/37
Mrs. R. Ward	...105, High Street, Swallownest	Independent
Mrs. S. J. Hampton.	.12, Springwood Avenue, Aughton Estate, Swallownest	Salaried Midwife
Miss M. C. Chambers.	5, Grange Avenue, Swallownest	Independent
Nurse L. Hirst	...41, Park Grove, Bramley	District Nurse
Mrs. R. Brain	...64, Katherine Street, Thurcroft	Independent, Resigned November, 1937
Mrs. S. France	...8, School Road, Thurcroft	Salaried Midwife
Mrs W K. Clark	...23, Laughton Rd., Thurcroft	Independent
Mrs. S. Beaumont	..Thorn Bank Villas, Whitehill, Brinsworth	Salaried Midwife
Nurse I Noble	.. 26 Brinsworth Avenue, Brinsworth	District Nurse
Miss C. Haigh	...5, Poplar Avenue, Thrybergh	Salaried Midwife
Mrs. L. Furness	...2, Dalton View, Whinney Hill, Thrybergh	do.
Mrs. M. Brayford	...40, Knoll Beck Lane, Brampton Bierlow	do.
Mrs. S. Hoult	...16, Fence, Woodhouse Mill	Independent
Miss M. Twigge	...18, Brook Hill, Thorpe Hesley	District Nurse
Nurse N. G. Edgar	...The Barrow, Wentworth	do.
Mrs. V. Beaumont	..Angel Lane, Hoober, Wentworth	Independent
Miss L. Gould	...5, Black Carr Road, Wickersley	District Nurse

Name of Midwife.	*Addrese.*	*Remarks*
Mrs. H. Jennings	...The Hadfield Arms Hotel, Laughton	Independent, Resigned, December, 1937
Miss I. Binks	...8, Chaff Lane View, Whiston	District Nurse

(5) SCHOOL MEDICAL INSPECTION SERVICES.

The School Medical Inspection is done in this area by Dr. J. M. Watt, the Medical Officer of Health, with the exception of the Parishes of Wentworth and Brampton-Bierlow, which are taken by Dr. Joyce E. M. White, a whole-time School Medical Inspector.

The School Dental work is done by the following dentists: —

Mr. James H. N. Macdonald, L.D.S., takes Brampton Bierlow and Wentworth.

Mr. Richard G. Morgan, L.D.S., takes Hooton Roberts, Thrybergh, Dalton, Ravenfield, Bramley, Wickersley, and Hooton Levitt.

Mr. J. R. Wishart, L.D.S., takes Whiston, Treeton, Ulley, Catcliffe, Brinsworth, Orgreave, Thurcroft, and Aston-cum-Aughton.

(6) BACTERIOLOGICAL LABORATORY.

Number of specimens received during 1937 from the Rotherham Rural District and examined in the County Laboratory.

Sputa for Tubercle Bacilli	16
Swabs for B. Diphtheriae ...	156
Sera for Widal Reaction	1
Milk for Bacteriological Examination	14
Milk for Tubercle Bacilli	16
Urine for Tubercle Bacilli and General Examination	3
Other Examinations	19
Total..	225

(7) FOOD AND DRUGS (ADULTERATION) ACT, 1928.

Particulars of samples taken by the County Council Inspector in the Rotherham Rural District during the year ended 31st December, 1937: —

Milk		Drugs		Other Foods		Total	
Genuine	Adul'd	Genuine	Adul'd	Genuine	Adul'd	Genuine	Adul'd
59	5	2	0	26	2	87	7

With regard to the seven samples reported against (5 of milk and two of potted meat) no case was sufficiently serious to necessitate proceedings being instituted, but where necessary, cautions were issued.

A thoroughly equipped Bacteriological Laboratory is maintained by the West Riding County Council at Wakefield, and is largely used by the Health Department of the district, the two Isolation Hospitals, and the Medical Practitioners throughout the district

Diphtheria Antitoxin, and other sera and vaccines, are supplied to Practitioners by the Health Department free of charge.

Inspection of places where food is prepared.

Numerous inspections have been made of Bakehouses, Fried-fish and Chip Shops, Eating-houses, etc.

Number and conditions of Slaughter-houses.

Sixteen licensed Slaughter-houses exist, and are regularly inspected and kept in good condition They are disinfected and lime-washed frequently.

There are 39 Butchers' Sale-shops in the district. All are kept in good condition and frequently inspected.

The Food and Drugs Acts are administered by the West Riding County Council.

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933.

During the year twenty-nine licences were issued to slaughter-men under the Act.

MILK SUPPLY.

Under the Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1936, two Supplementary Licences to sell Milk, as "Pasteurised," and one Supplementary Licence to sell Milk as "Certified" have been issued.

Licences for the production of "Accredited" Milk were granted to 11 producers in your district during 1937, and one licence for the production of "Certified" Milk.

During the year reports of the satisfactory milk supplied to schools, from your district, have been received from time to time from the West Riding County Laboratory.

There are 156 Cowkeepers in your district, all of whom are registered. The Retail Sellers total 197; all registered.

Of the 156 Cowkeepers, 123 are Wholesale Milk Sellers.

The number of cowsheds in the district is 216, and 189 of these are in a satisfactory condition.

The provision of Dairy Wash-houses throughout the district is gradually increasing, and this important factor should be encouraged.

Sixty-four samples of milk were submitted to the Sediment Test with the following results:—Good, 60; Fair, 4; Bad, Nil.

The following report was submitted to me by the Chief Veterinary Officer:—

"*January to December, 1937.*

Visits to farms	287	
Cows examined	3,688	3251 in milk 437 dry

Tuberculosis Order, 1925.

Cows slaughtered during 1937 = 63.

(1)	*Suffering from Tuberculosis of the Udder*		18
	Found on routine inspection ...	11	
	Reported by owner or otherwise ...	7	
(2)	*Found to be giving Tuberculous Milk*		1
	Found on routine inspection ...	1	

(3)	*Suffering from Tuberculous Emaciation*		11
	Found on routine inspection ...	2	
	Reported by owner or otherwise ...	9	
(4)	*Suffering from chronic cough and showing definite clinical symptoms of disease*		33
	Found on routine inspection ...	13	
	Reported by owner or otherwise ...	20."	

SMOKE ABATEMENT.

"*Report of the Work done in the Rotherham Rural District from Jan. 1st to Dec. 31st, 1937.*

Number of observations on Chimneys	433
Number of minutes during which excessive smoke was emitted	1035
Average number of minutes' smoke per hour... ...	2·39
Number of Statutory Notices served	6
,, Intimations served	6
,, Advisory Visits	51
,, Complaints answered	3
36	
,, Chimneys erected	2
,, Chimneys raised	0
,, Chimneys demolished	2

The improvement in trade noted in previous years has continued and it can be stated that collieries are showing greater production than has been recorded for a considerable period.

Time Standards. Owing to increased industrial activity, it has been found somewhat difficult for the staff to keep a systematic observation of the total number of chimneys in the area. In order to overcome this difficulty it was resolved to reduce the observation time of one hour to that of thirty minutes, from July 1st, 1937. This has brought the method of smoke observation in line with that of other industrial centres, in closer conformity with the "time standard" recommended by the Ministry of Health, and has enabled the Staff to increase the number of observations as will be noted by the statistics. The revised time standards are as follows :—

	Minutes per half-hour
Where there are one or two boilers attached to a chimney ..	2
,, three ,, ,, ,, ...	3
,, four or more ,, ,, ,, ...	4

Colliery Boilers. At one colliery new water tube type boilers have been installed and will be in full operation early in the coming year. This reconstruction shows a progressive step in steam generation, and it is hoped it will be a fore-runner of installations on similar lines at other collieries. The classes of inferior fuel which are used cannot be burned successfully on Lancashire Boilers, and a much broader view of the disposal of these fuels is essential in the interests of all concerned. Additional boilers are being installed at another colliery, whilst at a third where additional boilers have been added a new chimney is being erected to give better combustion facilities to the boilers.

There were no cases reported to the Committee for prosecution but Statutory Notices were issued to three collieries in the district, one being in connection with a nuisance from the heating apparatus at the pit-head baths.

Coke Ovens. A further battery of coke ovens was put down for construction during the year, and though in the previous year two new plants were put into operation, the demand for coke was such that the old ovens had to be restarted. Considerable nuisance was caused in one instance in this manner and a Statutory Notice was served on the owners with regard to this. When the plant had been in operation for about ten days conditions became more normal. The intermittent emissions of green-gas during charging periods and fumes from the quenching of the coke continue to cause nuisance.

The burning of residue wood at a large joinery works continues to cause an amount of nuisance. Two Statutory Notices were served during the year, but since that time an additional boiler with mechanical stoking arrangements has been installed, and it is hoped that no further nuisance will be caused."

REFUSE COLLECTION.

During the year under review this work has been carried out by the Council under contracts. Very few complaints were received, and on the whole the work was fairly well done, but this was due to the vigilance of the department.

A special report was again presented to the Council, on the question of the adoption of direct labour, but this was not accepted. The Council decided that as from April, 1938, the contracts be for two years and that the contracts provide for properly covered vehicles. The provision of covered carts will certainly be an improvement, but never entirely satisfactory until carried out by direct labour when the provision of properly designed vehicles and systematic

collection can then be assured. After all, this work is one of the most important duties of Public Health, and should be considered as such.

REFUSE DISPOSAL.

Dry refuse has been disposed of as in previous years by tipping on the 13 tips in the district.

At the present time the supervision of the Council's Tips is carried out by the Engineer's Department, attention being given by workmen from the various sewage works.

I have again to report that there is still room for improvement in their condition in order to bring them up to the required standard. Further tips are still required in the parishes of Aston-cum-Aughton, Brinsworth, Dalton (Sunnyside), and in the near future Wentworth.

Mixed refuse is disposed of on farm land.

CESSPOOL EMPTYING.

The two Dennis Machines have been worked at very high pressure, but I am glad to report on the efficiency that has been maintained in dealing with the contents of cesspools.

At the end of the year the number of cesspools totalled 196, while at December, 1933, the figure was 158. Since the latter date 44 have been connected to the sewer, leaving 114, but against that 82 new cesspools have been constructed, making the existing total of 196.

At the rate the number of cesspools are increasing, the time is not far distant when it will be necessary for the Council to consider the question of having a further machine.

CESSPOOL EMPTYING.

MONTHLY TOTALS.

Month	No. of Cesspools Emptied.				
	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937
January ..	226	496	590	635	620
February ..	205	419	515	563	572
March .	255	509	557	619	621
April ...	336	480	586	595	628
May ...	444	522	598	612	594
June .	398	524	522	615	624
July ..	392	565	606	664	629
August .	418	527	543	594	588
September	388	478	547	626	560
October ...	453	591	611	629	563
November ..	448	538	562	593	575
December	419	527	606	662	585
Totals	4,382	6,176	6,843	7,407	7,159

Month	No. of Gallons Sewage Removed.				
	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937
January .	136,800	290,430	359,380	434,050	407,250
February .	125,900	212,900	320,290	381,300	423,500
March ...	189,500	295,710	352,520	415,000	474,200
April ...	174,195	273,390	329,950	364,850	440,100
May ..	258,175	291,340	336,870	340,600	404,300
June .	225,550	254,090	301,470	357,900	390,000
July ..	223,690	273,860	326,150	423,800	387,200
August ..	226,090	265,600	293,160	341,050	341,900
September	206,640	238,260	317,250	360,900	338,800
October ...	268,090	298,970	373,650	361,450	330,550
November ...	270,630	298,520	387,100	389,400	372,500
December .	217,570	314,610	383,800	426,250	421 650
Totals..	2,522,830	3,307,680	4,081,590	4,626,550	4,731,950

MONTHLY TOTALS.

Month	Mileage.				
	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937
January .	549·4	1,223·2	1,446·4	1,541·8	1,423·5
February .	492·2	969·8	1,289·0	1,337·7	1,422·5
March .	660·7	1,182·1	1,375·9	1,483·0	1,681·4
April ..	817·3	1,125·3	1,366·0	1,383·8	1,539·3
May ...	1,139·1	1,225·6	1,391·1	1,343·2	1,452·1
June ..	1,015·0	1,174·7	1,241·0	1,420·3	1,406·4
July ...	1,001·1	1,183·3	1,403·4	1,468·6	1,428·5
August	1,070·4	1,203·1	1,281·1	1,247·9	1,252·1
September ..	971·9	1,085·6	1,251·9	1,365·0	1,305·1
October ..	1,111·4	1,295·2	1,444·2	1,353·1	1,274·5
November ..	1,146·3	1,265·6	1,443·0	1,394·9	1,440·4
December ...	1,013·9	1,288·1	1,424·8	1,464·8	1,554·0
Totals...	10,988·7	14,221·6	16,357·8	16,804·1	17,179·8

Month	Petrol Used. No. of Gallons.				
	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937
January ...	150	308·5	318	376	319·5
February ...	129	235	289	329·5	319
March ...	160	286	300	350·5	360
April .	200	262	294	318·5	324·5
May ...	279·5	274·5	300·5	302	311·5
June ...	231	263	258	310	313
July ...	221·5	264	285	335·5	321
August ..	234·5	260·5	262·5	270	277
September ...	221	239	277	297	285
October ...	268	293	329	297	281·5
November ..	267·5	278·5	333	309·5	311·5
December ...	248	278·5	344	335·5	344·5
Totals...	2,610	3,242·5	3,590	3,831	3,768

	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937
Average Number of Gallons of Sewage Removed per day..	9,778	12,763	15,461	17,263	17,591
Average Mileage per day ..	42·5	54·5	62·0	62·7	63·9
Average Petrol Consumption per day (Gallons)	10·1	12·4	13·6	14·3	14·0
Average Cost per Cesspool Emptied	6/5·8d.	4/11·9d.	4/9	5/0	5/4·9d.
Total Cost of Collection and Disposal of Refuse and the Contents of Cesspools ..	£7,924/17/10	£8,599/8/1	£8,662/12/7	£8,689/1/7	£8,925/0/8

CESSPOOL EMPTYING.

The following tables shows the number of cesspools and quantities of sewage removed from the various parishes during the years 1933—1937 :—

Parish.	*No. of Cesspools.*				
	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937
Aston-cum-Aughton..	17	23	24	29	34
Bramley ...	18	19	20	20	9
Brampton Bierlow...	4	6	7	8	9
Brinsworth ...	4	4	9	10	2
Catcliffe ...	...	...	...	...	..
Dalton	12	12	13	13	15
Hooton Levitt ...	6	6	8	8	8
Hooton Roberts ...	1	1	1	1	1
Orgreave ...	1	1	1	1	1
Ravenfield ..	6	6	4	4	4
Thrybergh ..	11	12	12	13	13
Thurcroft ...	18	20	19	20	20
Treeton .	1	1	1	1	1
Ulley	1	1	1	2	2
Wentworth ...	6	7	7	7	9
Whiston ...	20	23	23	21	21
Wickersley ...	32	38	41	43	47
Totals ..	158	180	191	201	196

Parish.	*No. of Galls. Sewage Removed.*				
	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937
Aston-cum-Aughton.	166,440	402,140	503,160	594,200	743,850
Bramley	363,340	344,570	417,750	491,450	387,550
Brampton Bierlow	36,650	87,760	142,740	188,400	210,300
Brinsworth .	44,230	66,240	153,880	269,800	174,050
Catcliffe .	.	.	...	4,200	6,200
Dalton.. .	140,370	169,360	192,850	195,150	219,150
Hooton Levitt ...	36,840	55,890	84,950	94,100	96,500
Hooton Roberts ..	13,630	11,850	15,150	16,800	16,150
Orgreave ..	61,780	67,300	68,010	74,150	76,450
Ravenfield ..	98,290	130,510	137,170	147,850	135,750
Thrybergh ..	438,210	545,650	576,050	615,200	575,700
Thurcroft .	205,600	294,380	371,920	417,600	474,800
Treeton .	5,400	8,030	3,650	4,800	2,850
Ulley .	69,300	58,730	70,200	82,850	90,300
Wentworth .	144,405	217,660	231,150	217,600	221,650
Whiston .	280,125	439,680	520,830	455,100	382,100
Wickersley .	418,220	407,930	592,130	757,300	912,600
Totals	2,522,830	3,307,680	4,081,590	4,626,550	4,731,950

RATS AND MICE (DESTRUCTION) ACT, 1919.

The methods of destruction used varied with the type of premises infested ; but speaking generally, they have been the same as in previous years :—ferrets, sulphur di-oxide gas and baits. A rat catcher has been from time to time engaged to deal with the various tips and sewage works.

DISINFECTION.

The following disinfections were carried out during the year :—

Reason for Disinfection.			*No. of Premises.*
Scarlet Fever	...	...	45
Diphtheria	...	...	41
Tuberculosis	...	...	31
Other Diseases	...	...	4
		Total ...	121

NUMBER OF CONVERSIONS TO WATER CLOSETS SINCE 1928.

PARISH	CONVERSIONS											No. of Houses in Parish 31 12 37
	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937	Totals	
Aston-cum-Aughton ..	6	—	1	2	7	3	1	—	10	2	32	1,512
Bramley ..	12	2	145	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	159	701
Brampton Bierlow	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	—	—	15	900
Brinsworth ..	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	592
Catcliffe ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	409
Dalton ..	—	—	—	4	1	1	5	—	5	1	17	1,274
Hooton Levitt	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	23
Hooton Roberts	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	47
Orgreave ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	9	46
Ravenfield ..	—	—	38	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	41	159
Thrybergh ..	—	—	4	1	3	—	1	—	1	—	10	892
Thurcroft ..	3	18	—	—	—	20	8	7	7	65	128	1,344
Treeton ..	44	26	15	51	—	—	2	—	—	—	138	526
Ulley ..	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	3	52
Wentworth ..	—	10	1	3	6	3	5	19	1	—	48	409
Whiston ..	1	1	—	—	12	7	12	19	15	16	83	536
Wickersley	12	2	5	1	6	8	4	22	3	15	78	879
TOTALS	78	60	209	62	35	46	39	83	42	108	762	10,301

TABLE VI.

Parish	Acres	Census, 1901	Census, 1911	Census, 1921	Census, 1931	xNo. of Houses occupied at 31st Dec., 1937	Approximate Population, Dec. 31st, 1937
Aston-cum-Augh'n	3009	3158	4204	4489	4583	1512	5268
Bramley .	1412	431	1335	2037	2529	701	2759
Brampton Bierlow	2817	1385	1396	1573	3437	900	3565
Brinsworth ...	711	891	2082	2362	2535	592	2160
Catcliffe ...	689	1232	1555	1771	1831	409	1820
Dalton ...	1416	438	3248	3571	5161	1274	6025
Hooton Levitt ...	549	76	89	125	94	23	85
Hooton Roberts ..	1057	209	191	187	214	47	200
Orgreave .	547	132	128	152	102	46	150
Ravenfield .	1236	217	316	352	485	159	588
Thrybergh ...	1318	489	2656	2859	3876	892	3960
Thurcroft ..	5002	733	2007	3849	5463	1344	5600
Treeton ...	1166	1969	1859	1903	2175	526	2150
Ulley ...	934	225	239	225	203	52	186
Wentworth ..	2968	1934	1949	1811	1729	409	1417
Whiston ...	2514	1982	1939	2075	2508	536	1948
Wickersley ...	1274	703	956	1004	1809	879	2845
Totals ...	28619	16204	26149	30345	38734	10301	40726

Parish	Approximate Number of W.C.'s, 1937	Approximate No. of Pans, 1937	Approx. No. of Privy Mid'ens, 1937	New W.C.'s in New Properties, 1937	*No. of Convers'ns, 1937		Houses erected and occupied dur'g 1937	Additional W.C.'s provided for Old Properties during 1937	Schools
					Pans	Privies			
Aston-cum-Augh'n	1445	10	74	47	...	2	47	7	4
Bramley ..	676	1	2	29	...	...	29	...	1
Brampton Bierlow	884	28	58	7	...	...	7	1	1
Brinsworth ...	557	3	4	34	..	..	34	...	1
Catcliffe .	389	...	3	..	..	..	...	...	1
Dalton ..	1191	9	19	13	..	1	4	1	2
Hooton Levitt ...	4	7	13	...	..	...	...	...	...
Hooton Roberts...	10	1	42	...	...	..	...	...	1
Orgreave ...	26	4	9	8	...	9	8	3	...
Ravenfield .	110	16	25	3	...	...	3	...	1
Thurcroft ...	868	...	25	1	...	...	1	2	3
Treeton ...	1251	45	36	12	39	26	11	5	3
Ulley ...	527	13	8	...	..	...	...	...	1
Wentworth ...	16	2	35	3	..	...	1	..	1
Whiston ...	317	21	41	4	...	...	2	...	2
Wickersley ...	335	18	76	45	.	16	45	7	1
	836	29	65	19	...	15	13	14	2
Totals ..	9442	207	535	227	39	69	205	40	25

x Figures given by Rating Authority.

ROTHERHAM RURAL SANITARY DISTRICT.

TABLE C. YEAR 1937.

NUISANCE INSPECTIONS.

Total No. of Inspections made in 1937, for Nuisances only, 2,857. (For Housing Inspections see Table D).

Nuisances found in 1937—1006; Nuisances in hand end of 1936—37.

Total needing abatement—1043; Abated during 1937—1019; Outstanding end of 1937—24.

Notices served—Informal, 162+130 letters; Complied with, 138.

Do. Statutory, Nil.

No Summonses or other legal proceedings were taken.

The Inspection of Canal Boats was Exempted by the Ministry of Health on 5/3/21.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

During the year Sewer Extensions took place at—

Hellaby, Bramley (1090 yards 9 inch Sewer).

The following parts of the District still require Sewering—

Aston; Hoober, Brampton-Bierlow; Dalton Magna; Hooton Roberts; Ravenfield Village; Old Thrybergh; Ulley; and Carr, Thurcroft.

No. of houses not connected to sewers, 535.

Sewage Disposal Works.

Sewage Disposal Works are inadequate at—

Aston, Fence, Swallownest, Catcliffe and Whiston.

A few minor complaints were received from the West Riding Rivers Board and were dealt with at the time.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

No. of Privies with open middens, 12.

No. of Pail or Tub Closets, 207.

No. of Privies with covered middens, 523.

No. of Water Closets, 9,442.

No. of Privies re-constructed during year as W.C.'s, 69.

No. of Closets, other than Privies, re-constructed during year as W.C.'s, 39.

No. of *additional* Closets provided for old property during year as W.C.'s, 40.

No. of Closets constructed for New Houses during year as W.C.'s, 227.

Systematic conversion schemes have been carried out since 1913.

WATER SUPPLY.

The Rotherham Rural District is supplied with water under the following Schemes :—

Source of Supply	Bulk Supplies to District Intake points	Distributor	District supplied
Upland Reservoirs	Sheffield Corporation	Rotherham R.D.C.	*Parishes of* Aston-cum - Aughton, Bramley, Brinsworth, Catcliffe, Dalton, Hooton Levitt, Orgreave, Ravenfield, Thrybergh, Thurcroft, Treeton, Ulley, Whiston, and Wickersley
Cliff Springs ..	Earl Fitzwilliam's Wentworth Estates Co.	Earl Fitzwilliam's Wentworth Estates Co.	*Part of* Hooton Roberts (The Village only)

Upland Reservoirs	Sheffield Corporation	Do.	*Parts of* Wentworth and Brampton Bierlow
Boreholes in Red Sandstone	Dearne Valley Water Board	Do.	*Part of* Brampton-Bierlow
Boreholes in Red Sandstone.	Wath-upon-Dearne U.D. Council	Wath-upon-Dearne U.D. Council	*Part of*— Brampton-Bierlow
Upland Reservoirs	Sheffield Corporation	Doncaster County Borough	*Parts of* Hooton Roberts
do.	do.	Rotherham County Borough	*Parts of* Wentworth and Whiston

The Rotherham Rural District Council supply water to the Maltby Urban District Council.

Stand Pipes are still in existence in the Village of Whiston, supplied by Rotherham Corporation (Pinch Mill Supply) under Act of Parliament.

Extensions of Mains have taken place at the following—

Aston.

Lodge Lane Housing Site ...	3 inch Main.	201 yards

Dalton.

Magna Lane ,, ...	3 ,,	170 ,,
Bosville Street Housing Site ...	3 ,,	83 ,,

Catcliffe.

Brinsworth Road Housing Sites	4 ,,	430 ,,
	4 ,,	72 ,,

Thurcroft.

Off Riddings Road Housing Site	3 ,,	255 ,,

Aston.

Lodge Lane	3 ,,	150 ,,

Brinsworth.			
Hall Estate	6	,,	350 yards
	4	,,	90 ,,
Orgreave.			
Coalbrook Estate	6	,,	708 ,,
	4	,,	1029 ,,
	3	,,	93 ,,
Rural Water Schemes.			
Aston.			
Hardwick to Ulley Beeches ..	6	,,	2290 ,,
	3	,,	50 ,,
	2	,,	373 ,,
Lodge Lane	4	,,	175 ,,
Worksop Road	4	,,	200 ,,
Thurcroft—Ulley.			
Narrow Lane—Penny Hill Lane	6	,,	1273 ,,
Brampton Long Road ...	4	,,	180 ,,
	2	,,	340 ,,
Rose Lane—Common Lane ..	4	,,	1618 ,,
Thrybergh.			
Doncaster Road	6	,,	232 ,,
	4	,,	364 ,,
Carr Lane	6	,,	950 ,,
Hooton Roberts—Kilnhurst Road	4	,,	792 ,,
Whiston.			
Moor Lane to Royds Moor Farm	4	,,	250 ,,
	6	,,	683 ,,
	2	,,	134 ,,

The greater portion (1300 yards) of the Aston-Hardwick 3 inch Main has been abandoned and a new 6 inch main (1967 yards) substituted.

During the year 245 houses were connected to the Council's Mains—14 old and 231 new.

MILK SUPPLY.

Two Registers are kept as required by Section 2 (3) of the Milk and Dairies (Amendment) Act, 1922. (*a*) For Retailers. (*b*) For Cowkeepers or Wholesale Traders.

Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1936.

No. of Licences in force in area for—

(*a*) Production of "Tuberculin Tested" Milk	1
(*b*) Production of "Accredited" Milk ..	11
(*c*) In respect of Pasteurising Plants ...	Nil

Samples of designated milks examined bacteriologically :—

	Number Satisfactory.	Number Unsatisfactory.	Total
(*a*) Tuberculin Tested Milk ..	3	2	5
(*b*) "Accredited" Milk ..	34	9	43
(*c*) Pasteurised Milk ...	0	0	0

Number of samples of ordinary milk taken by Officers of L.A. for :—

(*a*) Methylene blue test	9
(*b*) Presence of tuberculosis ...	0

Number of special examinations for dirt, *e.g.*, sedimentation test, 64,

No instance of disease was attributed to milk during the year.

Milk Cows kept in the District, 1,466.

Total No. of Cowsheds, 216. Total No. of Cowshed Inspections, 860.

MEAT INSPECTION.

No. of Private Slaughterhouses, 16. All Licensed.

Unsatisfactory as regards structure, position or in other respects, 2.

Total No. of Carcases inspected, 704. No. entirely condemned, 24.

No. of cases where part of carcase or organs condemned, 97.

No prosecutions were found to be necessary.

OTHER FOODS.

Number of samples (other than milk) taken by officers of local authority for examination under the Food and Drugs (Adulteration) Act, 1928. 30.

No. found adulterated, 2. No. of prosecutions, Nil.

Number of Bakehouses in district, 10.

Total No. of Inspections, 67.

SCHOOLS.

Number of Schools in District, 25. Visited by M.O.H. 25.

Sanitary Conditions, etc., reported on.

No. of Schools closed by M.O.H., 25.

SHOPS ACT, 1934, Sections 10 and 13 (3).

No. of visits paid under the above Act during 1937, 15.

TENTS, VANS, SHEDS, &c.

Number in District, 44. Number of inspections made, 126.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.

No. of Council houses found to be infested, 7. No. disinfested, 7.

Other houses found to be infested, 25. No. disinfested, 25.

Methods employed for freeing infested houses from bed bugs:—
Fumigation (liquid and gaseous).

For ensuring that the belongings of tenants are free from vermin before removal to Council houses, an inspection is made of applicants houses, bedding and furniture.

The Council also arrange for all furniture and belongings of tenants from condemned dwellings to be removed by Contractors who fumigate the same with Hydrogen Cyanide, and after thorough airing and testing of all soft furnishings deliver them to the new dwellings.

ADOPTIVE ACTS, IN FORCE IN THE DISTRICT

Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1890.

Part II. Sections 16-18, 19, 21, 23, 25, 26, 28, 32, 47-49

The Infectious Disease (Prevention) Act, 1890.

The Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907.

Part II. Sections 15-18, 20-33. Part III. Sections 34-46, 48-51.

Part IV. Sections 52-60, 62-68. Part III. Section 47 in the Parish of Brinsworth.

Part II. Section 19, and Part X. Section 95 in the Parish of Aston-cum-Aughton.

Part X. Section 93 in the Parish of Bramley and Dalton.

The Public Health Act, 1925.
Part II. Sections 13-16, 20, 23, 25-34.
Part III. Sections 36-38, 40-43.
Part IV. Sections 45-50.

BYELAWS AND REGULATIONS IN FORCE IN THE DISTRICT.

Subject	Date of Approval
Cleansing of Footways and Pavements ...	27/1/1877.
Scavenging	do.
Prevention of Nuisances	do.
Common Lodging Houses	do.
New Streets and Buildings	21/12/1925.
Alteration of Buildings	do
Slaughter Houses	8/3/1905.

INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

Diseases specially prevalent during the year:—

Scarlet Fever	...Throughout the year.
Diphtheria	... ,, ,,
Measles	...January.
Influenza	...January and February.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Houses disinfected after (*a*) Removal to Sanatorium.

(*b*) Death.

(*c*) Change of Address.

Tuberculous families are given every consideration by the Housing Committee as and when Council Houses are available.

ISOLATION HOSPITALS.

General Infectious Diseases:—Two.

Swallownest Isolation Hospital. Under the control of the South Rotherham and Kiveton Park District Isolation Hospital Committee.

Wath Isolation Hospital. Under the control of the Wath, Swinton and District Joint Hospital Board.

Cases of Cerebro Spinal Fever, Acute Poliomyelitis and Erysipelas are also treated in the infectious disease hospitals.

Smallpox:— Two.

Brampton Smallpox Hospital. Under the control of the South Rotherham and Kiveton Park District Isolation Hospital Committee.

Hoober Smallpox Hospital.	Under the control of the Wath, Swinton and District Joint Hospital Board.

AMBULANCE SERVICES.

For General Sick and Accident Cases.

The Rotherham County Borough Motor Ambulance, which is kept at the Rotherham Fire Station, can be used for general sick and accident cases on application. A male attendant accompanies patient.

Charges to patients in Rural District: 6 a m. – 10 p.m., 12/6.
10 p.m. – 6 a.m., 15/0.

Arrangements have been made with the Mexborough, Swinton and Wath-upon-Dearne Ambulance Joint Committee, for the removal of general sick and accident cases from the Parish of Brampton Bierlow to the Barnsley and Mexborough Hospitals at the charges of £1 to Barnsley Hospital and 10/- to Mexborough Hospital.

The Motor Ambulance is kept at Mexborough.

For General Infectious Disease and Smallpox cases.

The South Rotherham and Kiveton Park District Isolation Hospital Committee and the Wath, Swinton and District Joint Hospital Board each have motor ambulances for the removal of general infectious disease and smallpox cases. In each case a nurse accompanies patient.

MORTUARIES.

At present the following Mortuaries are provided :—
Catcliffe, 1 ; Dalton. 1 ; Swallownest, 1.

Two further Mortuaries should be erected. One at Thurcroft and one at Brampton Bierlow.

HOUSING STATISTICS. **Table D.**

1—*Inspection of dwelling-houses during the year.*

(1) (*a*) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 150

(*b*) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... 385

(2) (*a*) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations ... 59

(*b*) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... 194

(3) Number of dwelling-houses needing further action... 43

(*a*) Number considered to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation 9

(*b*) Number (excluding those in sub-head (3) (*a*) above) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation 34

2—*Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices.*

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers 107

3—*Action under Statutory Powers during the year.*

A. Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:—

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ... Nil

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:—

(*a*) By owners .. .. Nil

(*b*) By Local Authority in default of owners ... Nil

B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts:—

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... ... Nil

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—

(*a*) By owners ... ... Nil

(*b*) By Local Authority in default of owners ... Nil

C. Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—

(1) Number of representations, etc., made in respect of dwelling-houses unfit for habitation 22

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made 17

(3) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders 50

D. Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ... ... Nil

(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms, the Closing Orders in respect of which were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit ... ... Nil

No Clearance Areas have been declared during the year.

Number of new houses erected during 1937.

(*a*) By the Local Authority	... ...	12
(*b*) By private enterprise ..	... ...	193
	Total	205

HOUSING CONDITIONS.

(1) Total number of houses in the District... ... 10301

(2) No. of working class houses included in the above ... 9670

(3) General observations as to housing conditions, overcrowding and shortage of houses.

Whilst overcrowding according to the Standard prescribed by the Housing Act, 1935, ought, in theory, to be less prevalent, there is evidence that in several parts of the Rural District houses are literally overcrowded. One hundred and eighty-eight houses have

been built or are in course of erection since the statistics for 1936 were submitted.

Special activity in house building has taken place in the Parishes of Aston-cum-Aughton, Bramley, Brinsworth, Orgreave, Whiston and Wickersley.

The Council expect to be able to let tenders for a further forty houses before the end of the year 1938.

No regulations were made in respect of underground sleeping rooms under Section 12, Housing Act, 1936.

HOUSING ACT, 1936—PART IV.—OVERCROWDING.

(*a*)	(1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	109
	(2) Number of families dwelling therein	113
	(3) Number of persons dwelling therein ...	809
(*b*)	Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	20
(*c*)	(1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	64
	(2) Number of persons concerned in such cases ..	538
(*d*)	Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding	Nil

TOWN PLANNING.

The Rotherham Rural District Council is one of the constituent authorities of the Rotherham Region Town Planning Committee. A Town Planning Scheme is in force for the whole of the district.

The number of houses erected by Private Enterprise and completed, is as follows :—

1921	...	175	1930	. .	143
1922	...	159	1931	...	135
1923	. .	212	1932	...	257
1924	...	204	1933	...	532
1925	...	406	1934	...	392
1926	...	285	1935	...	266
1927	...	85	1936	..	196
1928	...	91	1937	...	193
1929	..	100			

making a total for the seventeen years of 3,831.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

(For the Year 1937),

For the Rural District of Rotherham,

On the Administration of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, in connection with Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.

1—Inspection of Factories, Workshops and Workplaces,

Including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors or Inspectors of Nuisances

Premises. (1)	Number of Inspections (2)	Number of Written Notices (3)	Number of Occupiers prosecuted. (4)
Factories ... ... (Including Factory Laundries)	—	—	—
Workshops ... ... (Including Workshop Laundries)	79	—	—
Workplaces ... ... (Other than Outworkers' premises)	—	—	—
Total	79	—	—

2.—Defects found in Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.

Particulars (1)	Number of Defects. Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred to H.M. Inspector (4)	Number of Offences in respect to which Prosecutions were instituted. (5)
Nuisances under the Public Health Acts:—*				
Want of Cleanliness ..	2	2	—	—
Want of Ventilation ..	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding	—	—	—	—
Want of Drainage of Floors	—	—	—	—
Other Nuisances ..	—	—	—	—
Sanitary accommodation -				
Insufficient	—	—	—	—
Unsuitable or Defective	—	—	—	—
Not separate for Sexes.	—	—	—	—
Offences under the Factory and Workshop Acts:—				
Illegal Occupation of underground Bakehouse (s. 101)	—	—	—	—
Other Offences .. .. .. (Excluding offences relating to outwork and offences under the Sections mentioned in the Schedule to the Ministry of Health (Factories & Workshops Transfer of Powers) Order, 1921).	—	—	—	—
Total	2	2	—	—

* Including those specified in sections 2, 3, 7 and 8 of the Factory and Workshop Act 1901, as remediable under the Public Health Acts.